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GLOSSARY OF TERMINOLOGY - OFFICE OF TRAINING

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COVERT: Clandestine (q.v.)

CLANDESTINE: By means designed to conceal the true nature of an activity, or identification of persons, equipment, and facilities with an activity, and identification of any of these with the organization or nation sponsoring them. See Plausible Denial.

PLAUSIBLE DENIAL: Believable or at least acceptable statements by an overt official of a nation disclaiming any connection between his government and a person, action, facility, organization, etc. Governmentally sponsored clandestine activities are commonly required to be conducted in such fashion that, if they are exposed, the government is afforded opportunity to issue such a statement. Hence, "plausible denial" is commonly referred to as a requirement of clandestine activities.

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